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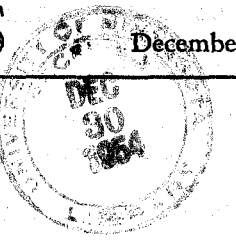

THOSE "LIBERAL" JOURNALISTS

By HANDICAPPER

PAT MCCARRAN IS DEAD; Joe McCarthy has been "condemned;" and the Democrats have full charge of the investigating apparatus of Congress. Significantly, the Senate did not censure Senator McCarthy for "abusing" General Zwicker, and thus thwarted the main objective of the Left-Wingers, which was to cripple beyond repair the Senate's efforts to probe into Communism and treason in this country. Ten months of agony over the "abuse of witnesses" by McCarthy and he is found guilty only of doubting the infallibility of Flanders.

That smashing the investigation was the principal backstage objective of the attack on "McCarthyism" is clear from study of the Fair Deal columnists and correspondents who are still on the payrolls of supposedly conservative and Republican newspapers. Some of them are almost indecently eager to assure the fellow-travellers that Ogre Joe is dead and it's all right to come out now.

The country is in for a campaign of re-education designed to convince the customers that Alger Hiss was just a bad dream; that Harry Dexter White was the victim of cowardly attack mainly because he was dead at the time; and that the notion that our Government had been infiltrated by spies and traitors is a Nixonian phantasy. Before any such "conditioning" of the mass mind could be undertaken, two things had to be taken care of. First, the Congressional investigators must be intimidated, or hampered by "rules of fair play," to such an extent that no more embarrassing Hisses or Silvermasters would be turned up. Secondly, the country must be made to think that it has been living in what Paul Hoffman (by Studebaker, out of the Ford Foundation) called (*New York Times* Sunday Magazine for November 14, 1954) "the complex of fear that has spread over the United States during the past years, and particularly the past four." Emboldened by the Democratic successes of last November, the Right-Wing-nourished Left-Wing columnists have exposed their hand as to what the uproar about "McCarthyism" was really about.

During the early stages of the battle we heard a great deal about how anti-Communist everybody engaged in clobbering McCarthy was, and how McCarthy was actually aiding Communism by "damaging our reputation abroad" and how, once we were rid of this gauche Hibernian clown, the war against the Reds could be put on a sound operational basis.

However, the connoisseur of dyed-in-the-wool "liberalism" could detect hints of the real strategic aims of the backstage anti-McCarthyites even before the election. Senator

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Lehman of New York, a reliable bellwether of "liberalism," had already bracketed "Jenneritis" with "McCarthyism," thus putting the nation on notice that Jolting Joe was only the first outpost which the anti-anti-Communists planned to overwhelm. Les Frères Alsop, Joseph and Stewart, were even more definite. In their column of October 29, 1954, the Alsops, having disposed of McCarthy as a dead pigeon, admitted that "the real problem now is not what to do about McCarthy. The real problem is what to do about the enduring effects of McCarthyism on the procedures and climate of the Federal government and on many aspects of our national life." Taking the semantics out of it, this could read: "The real problem is how to make the people that McCarthy shooed out of Government feel at home again."

A "BACK TO THE SHAMEFUL FORTIES!" campaign is already under way. Marquis Childs has enlightened his clients with a sympathetic take-out on the Owen Lattimore case. Vice-President Nixon, who did something to keep the heat on the central issue of the late campaign, i.e., Communist subversion, is accused of contributing to the loss of Congress to the Democrats. He will most likely be investigated, if the Left-Wingers in Congress have their way. The conservative Democrats, having stultified themselves on the McCarthy issue are in no position to head off idiotic forays by the Lehman-Fulbright-Humphrey axis. And at least twenty-two Republican Senators have so effectively shown themselves to lack courage of good judgment, in the face of a palpable Left-Wing maneuver, that they are going to have trouble summoning their courage to the sticking point, the next time an Alsop raises an admonitory finger.

The function of the Right-Wing-supported Left-Wing columnists will be to continue the panzer thrusts into the Republican ranks, convince GOP leaders that they lost Congress because the party "capitulated to McCarthy" instead of *vice-versa;* harry the weaklings with horror stories about "injustice" in security and loyalty cases; retouch conservatives as "dinosaurs" and "zombies" and smooth the path for the Stevenson bandwagon two years hence.

Some of the gravediggers began crowing even before the election. Thus in late September the Alsops congratulated each other that Senator McCarthy, who "bully-ragged uncounted citizens . . . and spoke with condescension of the President himself" [a curious fault to be noticed by an Alsop] "is not going to obtain such an eminence again, unless something unforseen happens. His kind of politician is not going to obtain such an eminence again." In other words, other politicians, pondering the fate of one who challenged the Alsops, will think twice before attacking subversives in the Government bureaucracy!

Later, in mid-October, Joe Alsop opined that, despite the "abhorrent and down-right un-American" methods used in hunting down security risks, "at least the country has now stopped looking for Communists under the bed. People have waked up to the fact that an Army dentist, however, pinko, is considerably less dangerous to the Republic than the armed might of the Soviet Union."

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Translated this sounds as if it meant that people have been lulled into the belief that Communist infiltration of our armed forces is of minor consequence, although we have not even been told the simple details of how one cog in the Red apparatus managed to get to be a major!

Take courage, Promoter of Peress, they can't corner you now! Our "liberal" news analysts, whose large incomes are provided by "reactionary" newspaper publishers, will see to that. Their next move, obviously, is to sell Eisenhower and the Palace Guard the notion that such Americans as still think Joe McCarthy was on the right track, or want the truth about Dr. Peress, represent a "reactionary fanatical fringe." As Stewart Alsop recently remarked: "A party gains, rather than loses, by shuffling off its radical extremes." With Stew it's all right for the Republican Patry to "shuffle off" at least sixty percent of its membership if only Ike will keep on playing with Fair Dealers. *Après Ike, le deluge Stevenson.*

AT THE MOMENT THINGS SEEM to be going along swimmingly for the crypto-liberals. The House Un-American Activities Committee is reported ready to bring out a report on "hate" groups, and the liberal columnists can be relied upon to explain to their customers that Gerald L. K. Smith is the Right-Wing equivalent to Malenkov. The movement to change the rules of investigating committees in favor of the Communists is heralded by tear-jerking recitals of the frightful Brown House tortures which Senator McCarthy is supposed to have practiced on innocent people. As the formerly conservative *New York Times* explains, "The elimination of Mr. McCarthy from a position of influence will be of incalculable benefit to Congress and the nation in the determined and continuing fight against Communism; but much of the benefit can be lost unless both houses of Congress undertake a serious reform of their investigative processes." That is to say, we must carry on the fight against Communism by making it as difficult as possible for Congress to discover whom we are supposed to be fighting.

Senator Lehman, to be sure, is still not satisfied. He feels that the Senate rebuked the man McCarthy, but did no serious damage to the "ism." Well, there will be dull days in the Senate when the New York Senator and his cohorts can have another go at Demon Joe, possibly until the "climate" is so greatly improved that some endowed institution, living on money ground from the faces of the small competitors of a dead tycoon, will dig up a job worthy of the talents of Alger Hiss! After all, it was Senator Lehman who, the day after Alger testified before the Un-American Activities Committee, wrote to Hiss that he (the Senator) had "complete confidence in your loyalty" and knew that Hiss "under no circumstances could . . . fail to safeguard the interests of your country." After the Hiss conviction, Senator Lehman explained that, since Hiss had "gained the confidence" of John W. Davis, John Foster Dulles and Arthur Ballantine, "I assumed he was telling the truth." Still, he might have waited for the evidence.

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With the aid of capitalist-paid Left-Wing columnists, the Communist task of "colonizing" labor unions, teaching staffs and (according to Dr. Bella Dodd) "management" itself, should be much easier than it used to be. After all, we shall be told, "You can't fight an idea with bullets" — an aphorism assumed to be true even when the only discernible "idea" of the adversary is that it would be a good idea to fight us with bullets.

ISN'T IT TIME OUR Press Lords got hep to themselves and took on some conservative — or "Fascist Beast" — writers, say in the ratio of 1 to 3, just to leaven the lump? It would be naive to expect conservative publishers to get into the fight in earnest. They are just too Ivy League, and, after all, one must live. But a tincture of David Lawrence, George Sokolsky or Constantine Brown wouldn't do any serious harm to the exchequer, and it might do a lot of good to the readers — even Fair Deal readers — to learn that a fair number of traditional conservatives, or American-type Americans, are still around.

Before the Great Hysteria started, even the New York *Herald-Tribune* managed to print at least one realistic story about McCarthy. This piece gave the tip-off on the kind of McCarthy news the readers could expect. On May 16, 1950, the *Herald-Tribune* let in a piece by David McConnell describing what went on during testimony by Senator McCarthy before the Tydings Committee.

"It is not unusual," wrote Mr. McConnell, "for reporters to quip to one another during the course of the Congressional hearing, but it is highly unusual when members of the Washington press corps maintain a running commentary while a witness is testifying. Such was the case when Senator McCarthy was called early in March before the Foreign Relations subcommittee to make his initial charges to that group. The uproar in the press section during Senator McCarthy's testimony at one point made it difficult even to hear what the Wisconsin Republican was telling the subcommittee."

Mr. McConnell concluded that the correspondents' stories were no more impartial than you would expect from such an exhibition, and quoted a colleague that "You have to use a sieve to strain out the bias in the McCarthy stories published in many papers."

Were publishers as a class a little smarter, McConnell's story would have caused a firing of some of their Washington pundits and their replacement by reporters. Instead of which the pundits have grown so bold as to take the lead in the fight to destroy conservatives in Congress and cripple the investigatory powers of Congress. If any conservative Republican newspaper publisher has tried to discourage the "liberal" wreckers whose salaries he pays, it's his secret.

On March 17, 1954, we offered "Right Wing Papers Need Right Wing Writers" by "Handicapper." The author is a long-suffering employee of a so-called "right wing" paper and therefore prefers a pseudonym.

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Toward The New Year: It is strange that, by our calendar, the New Year comes at the darkest hour. Should we say "Happy New Year!" when the leaf falls, the light lessens, and earth herself lies under frost and shadow? What is the logic of such a birthday of the year?

Logic says it should be otherwise. The New Year should begin when May opens gates for the sun — when the light increases, when the leaf grows, the bud breaks and the bird returns. Why, then, in scorn of logic, does Western man start the New Year when the twilight of December merges with the darker night of January?

Yet if logic objects, the spirit agrees. Janus, for whom January was named, was the Roman God of Doors — *the doors that swing two ways.* And Western man (while he does not hug his decline and call it "progress") has at times perceived his least security as his greatest opportunity. Against the nihilism of night and winter he affirms the creativity of day and spring. He sees the worst as a challenge to create the best. Therefore he sets his New Year in the heart of mid-winter — as it were, flinging bravely a glove in the face of fate.

So be it with us! Never has our Republic been in graver peril. Never has the culture of the West known a more drastic winter. Even good men find their will frozen with the apathy of despair. And evil, or often only foolish, men would push the sun farther away, while summoning the zero of "security" to freeze every seed that waits resurrection in the loam. The twilight of our evil yesterday merges into the night of our worse today. It is America's darkest hour.

Therefore let us toss our glove in the face of fate, as brave men always have, and let us say, not with our lips, but with our lives: "Happy New Year!"

Reece Report: The majority report of the special House Committee which has probed the tax-exempt foundations emerges as a beacon light to illumine an almost incredible situation: the use of literally billions of dollars, piled up by successful businessmen (now dead) under the free market system, to destroy that system and collectivize our economy. Chairman Carroll Reece and his staff have presented this amazing testimony with impressive thoroughness and documentation.

They did so, despite a fantastic campaign led by the Democratic Minority member Wayne L. Hays of Ohio, to smear and confuse the proceedings. Hays probably outsmarted himself. He interrupted one witness 246 times during one 3-hour session, says the report, and he sought to smear the reputation of a scholarly Catholic nun, daughter of the late Senator McCarran (which has especially provoked widespread criticism). Hays — as this column reported on July 28 — was endorsed in 1948 by the pro-Soviet Progressive Party in Ohio, which had nominated Henry Wallace for the presidency in that year's campaign. Significantly, Hays' antics in the committee room were accompanied by a publicity campaign reportedly run by the high-priced public relation firms of these billionaire foundations.

The Hays' uproar, of course, resembles the noisy tactics of various attorneys defending subversives in recent years — tactics to confuse and sabotage legal processes. And, in Washington today, observers

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note the similarity between the strategic pattern appearing in this case and that manifested in the post-war period in the State Department, when the Left-wingers managed to steer our foreign policy so that we lost China and were stalemated in Korea. The staffing of the State Department in 1945-6 by a massive infiltration of Left-wingers is not unlike the staffing of the big foundations.

As one observer put it, referring to the Fund of the Republic (a subdivision of Ford Foundation): "This was a commando-type propaganda weapon of retaliation against any congressional challenge to the clandestine seizure of Executive power accomplished in 1945-6 and consolidated during the Truman regime. What happened in the case of the Fund for the Republic is what happened in the infiltration and seizure of the State Department by the Left in 1945-6. That was designed to establish the control of national policy through the control of this Executive department. The assault on the congressional power of investigation through the Fund was designed to paralyze the ability of Congress to liquidate the 1945-6 'coup d'etat' by exposing its subversive connections."

This observer concludes: "When the lessons of the Reece report get out to the grass roots, there may take place some repercussions — perhaps boycotts of the products offered by these big interests behind the foundations."

Not Merely Gossip: The latest exhibit in the "lame duck parade" is ex-Governor John Davis Lodge of Connecticut, defeated in the November elections. Lodge is scheduled to be named Ambassador to Spain — according to State Department sources. Sharp tongues in the Capital raise two points. (1) Why — they ask — does not the Administration name any one of a half-dozen skilled Foreign Service officers to a post where we have at stake valuable navy and air bases? And (2) if the appointment has to be a political one (it is regarded as a "plum"), why name a useless "lame duck?" The citizens of Connecticut acquired for Lodge such a distaste that they turned him down — alone in the GOP ticket.

In a way, the appointment is an affront to the Republicans of Connecticut who were fed up with the dictatorial methods of Lodge. Indeed, why shouldn't plums like the post in Madrid be given to some such figure in the Connecticut landscape as Mr. Kenneth Bradley, of the conservative wing, which was badly treated by Lodge? That, at least, would be politically logical. Such is one comment here — but another is, "why expect the White House to move logically?"

● If, as assumed, the Democrats organize the Senate, the head of the Internal Security subcommittee, succeeding Senator Jenner, will be Senator Eastland of Mississippi, according to Democratic sources on Capitol Hill. Eastland has a good reputation as a Red hunter and is noted for his knowledge of and ability to handle the problem of subversives. He has also shown great courage in the past in his legislative career — notably in his strong fight in 1948-9 against the costly Truman policy of dismantling German plants.

Aftermath of Censure: One man who comes off badly as the smoke of the censure vote clears away is Brigadier General Ralph Zwicker (Rtd.). At the end of the legislative struggle, it will be recalled, the Senate withdrew its count against McCarthy for his treatment of Zwicker and substituted the Bennett resolution. The fact is that, as members had discovered, McCarthy's treatment of Zwicker (which actually was much gentler than was publicized) met with no little approval among the masses of voters. Some did not like the spectacle of a general insolently evading questions from a Senator who wanted to know who promoted Peress; others enjoyed public rebuke of "high brass."

As a result of the censure outcome, Zwicker stands rebuked. And consequently, regular Army officers now realize that they stand little chance of winning any laurels by refusing to answer questions from a member of Congress; that, even if the executive branch backs them up, they have no surety that

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the Legislature will not disgrace them. In short, this is one healthy outcome for the freedom of congressional investigating committees.

American Hostages: One Washington view — why talk of only *eleven* Americans held in Chinese jails? Last year the Big and Little Switch operations of the Korean truce returned only 3,508 American soldiers. Authorities knew that there were over 3,000 more of our soldiers for whom the Peiping Reds refused to make any accounting. Those familiar with this tragedy believe that while a good many of these are probably dead, victims of Red torture, there are probably close to one thousand still alive, but retained by Chinese Red captors.

In the excitement of Big and Little Switch, somehow these tragic cases representing an abandonment of our national honor were forgotten. Since then neither the Administration nor the UN has even mentioned the matter, with the result that many wives and parents have been left in the agony of hoping that their sons or husbands were still alive but not knowing whether they were or not.

Russian Gold: Steelmaster Clarence Randall, the President's foreign economic policy adviser, writing in *Nation's Business* (December issue) says that emotion prevents us from taking Soviet gold for agricultural surpluses. "Yet here are markets," he says, "which we might be able to enter without serious damage to our friends, the extent of which may be enormous for all we know. Their gold is a commodity which we could use to great advantage . . . in all parts of the free world. It is sometimes said that by taking Russian gold we somehow strengthen their economy. But the production of gold requires effort . . . capital and labor, and the effort put into the production of gold in Russia would by hypothesis be effort withdrawn from . . . heavy industry or munition making."

Whose hypothesis? Only Randall's. Slave labor mines Siberia's gold. Perhaps Mr. Randall can envisage Moscow entrusting munitions output to political prisoners, "enemies of the State." But it is incredible that anyone should believe that Moscow, which directs all economic life in Russia, should permit gold to be mined so as to buy from the West what otherwise could be made by Russian industry. If Russia sees any "great advantage" in utilizing capital and labor in making munitions and heavy industrial goods, the Kremlin must be very obtuse to be using capital and industry to mine gold.

Maybe, as Mr. Randall holds, there is nothing wrong with "taking Russian gold for our agricultural surpluses, as the least objectionable method of removing the Sword of Damocles from the field of foreign economic policy." But if so, the arguments are not those the Chairman of the Inland Steel Company uses. If we are going to send our surplus wheat to the steppes of Russia and USSR gold to Fort Knox, there must be better arguments.

Union Now? Important news from Canada, as reported in the *New York Times*, December 12, reveals that those seeking a world government via NATO are pushing hard for its consummation in 1955. Representatives of eight nations meeting in Ottawa, Canada, will petition the Council of Ministers of NATO to implement Article 2 of its charter which provides "for closer political and economic unity." The idea is to have NATO take on the duties of coordinating the economic and political activities of member nations, as well as their military activities; and to do this work the petitioners propose that "an Atlantic Assembly," composed of members of the legislatures of NATO members, be created. Experts point out that adding economic and political power to NATO, in the way urged, is simply a proposal to convert NATO into an international government, or "Union Now."

The Navy Speaks: The monthly service magazine, *United States Naval Institute Proceedings*, the authortative mouthpiece of the U.S. Navy, strikes a note of warning to the White House, now intent on appeasing

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Soviet Russia. In an article (October, 1954 issue) "The Secret of Kremlin Warfare," authored by Lieutenant Commander Montgomery M. Green, USNR, and Joseph Zack Kornfeder, attributes Soviet Russia's extraordinary expansion of its power to its use of "novel techniques of warfare, founded on ancient Oriental guile but adapted to modernized 'Trojan Horse' procedures. This gives the Soviets an advantage over the West and such techniques will certainly not be abandoned as long as they continue to win."

The authors add: "The Kremlin has mastered the method of exploiting the normal social maladjustments of an expanding capitalist society by employing 'fifth column' operations as an integral plan of conquest."

The brain-trusters who surround Ike and prompt him to seek a deal with Moscow might take note of what these authors say in the Navy organ. "The principle that pervades all Communist operations," say Green and Kornfeder, "*is that Communism is irrevocably at war with all the rest of the world,* and hence that 'all is fair in war.' Deals, agreements, and treaties are always considered to be tactical, never basic. The customs, ethics and commitments of the nation being attacked are exploited for its own destruction, and anything goes. To ignite and wage civil war in the rear of an enemy is the primary objective of all Communist operations. The more effective the rear or termite operation, the easier the frontal or military assault is expected to be."

To the "Cliveden Set" in Washington, the *Proceedings* offers an admonition: "Kremlin warfare is *continuous*. Even when the military arm is quiescent — which is most of the time — Communism's civilian armies, or fronts, are always on the march." For the Admirals, the piece has a message: "It should be obvious from the above that the Communist plan of warfare is entirely different from the conventional warfare of the past. Their concept calls for a stealthy political assault upon the rear and flanks of an objective, an effective method for use by a country which is industrially weak and could not otherwise hope to cope with the West."

To the unofficial but influential figures who drop into the White House to offer advice, the Navy journal piece could serve as a warning: "It is this rear operation which the theorists of containment [read *co-existence*] and balance of power do not comprehend, and which is the primary method of Bolshevist expansion, ahead of military invasion. China and Czechoslovakia were swept behind the Iron Curtain not by invasion from Soviet Russia, but by effective rear operations carried out inside of these two countries."

Finally, the authors do not count on the launching of a *Forrestal* to assure victory, but advocate "political warfare." They say: "In brief, our margin of safety has reached a thin line. Stalin's death may have changed the picture by giving us more time, if only we are willing to engage in political warfare, whereby to recruit the tremendous potential 'fifth column' behind the Iron Curtain. Tens of millions who hate the Communist regime await our leadership."

Book Mention: *The Dollar Dilemma,* by Melchior Palyi (Henry Regnery Co., Chicago, $2.75), sustaining the thesis that "American dollar aid has demoralized the European countries and achieved nothing but ill-will and dissension." *The Theory of Collective Bargaining,* by W. H. Hutt, with a preface by Ludwig von Mises, a critical examination of the effects of trade union and employers groups on the distribution of the product of industry (The Free Press, Glencoe, Illinois, $3.00). *The Life of John Birch,* by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. (author of *May God Forgive Us*), story of a Baptist missionary in China who saved Doolittle and was later killed by Chinese Communists (Henry Regnery Co., Chicago, $2.50).

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